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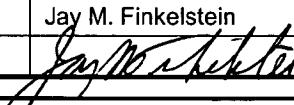
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First Named Inventor	CLASSE, Jean-Jaques
Group Art Unit	1772
Examiner Name	NORDMEYER, P.L.
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CLAISSSE, Jean-Jacques)
Appln. No.: 09/960,647) Examiner: NORDMEYER, P. L.
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated October 21, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified Application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 8 of this paper.